

REDUCING DOWNLOADING TIME FOR WEB DOCUMENTS AT WORLD
WIDE WEB RECEIVING DISPLAY STATIONS BY PRESELECTING
SPECIFIED WEB DOCUMENTS TO BE DOWNLOADED
IN A TEXT-ONLY MODE

Abstract

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In order to reduce overall downloading time for Web documents without depriving the user of valuable Web document resources, the user at a receiving Web station is enabled to preselect which received Web documents will
10 be downloaded in a text-only mode. An implementation is provided at the receiving Web station for determining whether a received Web document has been preselected for downloading in a text-only mode and, in responsive to this determination, there are means for downloading such
15 received preselected Web documents in a text-only mode. The user is enabled not only to designate specified documents to be downloaded in a text-only mode but the user may also preselect whole Web domains or specified Web sites within such domains from which received Web
20 documents are to be downloaded in a text-only mode. The user's preselections of such Web documents, Web sites or whole Web domains are preferably stored at the user's Web station.

25 All of the user preselections, determination of whether a received Web document has been preselected and the resultant downloading in a text-only mode could be carried out through a Web browser at the receiving Web station. In addition, since Web browsers provide for bookmarking direct links to provide the user with quick
30 and easy access to desired Web documents, the enabling function for the user to also select text-only documents could readily be associated with the bookmarking function.